An Advertiſment, concerning the Printing and Publiſhing of Ancient and other Uſefull Books.

WHereas diverſe Perſons of eminent Quality and Learning, have made it their complaint that ſeveral uſefull and neceſſary Books are loſt to the World, and never likely to be publiſht, becauſe men of Trade, only intent upon their gain, will not be at the expence and hazard of ſuch impreſſions, as chiefly point at the honor and improvement of knowledge; and endeavor to fruſtrate the deſign lately conceiv'd in this place of publiſhing from MSS. copies in Libraries, conſiderable Writers not yet Printed, and of making more correct and perfect editions of many of the ancient Fathers and Authors, by collating them with MSS. copies that have not yet bin conſider'd; and alſo of bringing down the exceſſive price of books, and advancing the Printing manufacture in this Nation: And whereas we the undertakers for the Preſs in the Univerſity of *Oxford* have bin earneſtly deſir'd by the ſaid honourable Perſons, that we would effectually proceed in the editions of thoſe books which we have publicly declar'd to be ready for the Preſs, and have propounded others themſelves which they eſteem equally deſirable: to which our anſwer was that we are and ſhall be alwaies ready to Print whatever Book ſhall be propos'd to us for the publick ſervice, in whatever Language and Faculty it happen to be, and ſhall take care for the accurate correction thereof, provided that there ſhall be certainly taken off five hundred copies of every book when it is printed: which offer the ſaid honorable Perſons have approved, and have deſir'd that it might be publicly ſignified, not doubting but that ſo many will be found to join with them as would make up the number requir'd, and free the Preſs from dependance upon men of trade, and other hazards; and alſo open a way for the publiſhing of all uſeful books.

In conſideration of the premiſes, and compliance with the deſires above expreſt, we the Undertakers for the Preſs in the Univerſity of *Oxford* do publicly offer, that if twenty five Perſons ſhall pleaſe ſo far to promote this affair, as to make a correſpondence each with twenty Perſons, for whom they will be reſponſible, that they will join in the before mention'd engagement, of taking off ſuch book or books as they deſire to have printed, that then the edition of the ſaid book or books ſhall immediatly be ſet in hand with, according to the direction and appointment of the ſaid five and twenty Perſons, or the major part of them, who ſhall order the Paper, Character, diſpoſition of the Work, and price thereof; and the book or books, when finiſht, ſhall be deliver'd to the hands or order of the ſaid five and twenty Perſons, for the uſe of themſelves, and thoſe whom they correſpond with. Which courſe ſhall be continued from time to time upon the terms above expreſt.

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Books in the THEATER Preſs upon the account of the Undertakers of the Univerſity, beſides thoſe ſet in hand with by *M. Pitt* and his Partners.

Joſephus his Works Gr. Lat.
Sr. Cyprians Works Lat.
Ptolemies Harmonics Gr. Lat.
Joh. Scotus Erigena of the Diviſion of Nature Lat.
Lactantius his Works Lat.
A Comment on Hoſea by Dr. Pocock Engliſh.
The four Evangeliſts in the Egyptian Tongue.

Books ready for the Preſs.

Damaſcius of the Principles of things Gr. never Printed.
Jo. Antiochen. Hiſt. Gr. Lat. never Printed.
Arabic Proverbs to the number of ſix thouſand, never Printed.
Juchaſin, or an account of Learned men among the Jews Heb. & Lat.
The New Teſtament in Greek diligently reviſed, and collated with many MSS. not before met with.
The Targum on the Books of Chronicles Heb. & Lat. *by Mr. Sam. Clerk.*
A Concordance of the Septuagint, according to the Greek Alphabet.
Ceſars Commentaries in Lat. *reviſed, and Illuſtrated with Figures.*
The Epiſtles of Libanius Gr. never Printed.
The Saxon Gloſſary and Etymologicon of Mr. Francis Junius never Printed.
The Letters of Thomas Becket Lat. never yet Printed.
Engliſh-Hiſtorians in Latin, not yet extant, ſuch as are
" *The Annals of England by N. Trivet, with the continuation of Adam Merimuth.*
" *The Annals of Burton.*
" *The Engliſh Chronicle by Peter de Ickham.*
" *The Antiquities of Glaſtenbury, by William of Malmsbury.*
" *His fifth Book of Biſhops.*
" *The Hiſtory of England by Jo. Roſs.*
" *The Chronicle of S. Swithins Monaſtery.*
" *The Annals of England by Th. Otterburn.*
" *Chron. of the Monaſtry of Mailroſe.*
" *Chron. of England by Gualt. Gisburn.*
" *Chron. of England by Jo. Merilynch.*
" *Chron. of the Monaſtry of St. Edmund.*
" *The Genealogy of the Kings of England and Catalogue of Abbots of Glaſſenbury.*
" *Hiſtory of Biſhops of Bath and Wells.*
" *The Title of Edward the third to the Kingdom of France.*
Severall Tracts of Sir Henry Spelman in Engliſh never yet Printed.
Commentaries on ſeverall Books of the Holy Scripture in Engliſh never Printed.

Books making ready for the Preſs.

Juſtin Martyr, and other of the Greek Fathers reviſed in their Text and new Tranſlated.
Several Acts of the Ancient Martyrs, Lat. not yet Printed.
Plutarch and other Claſſical Greek Writers Collated with MSS. and new Tranſlated.
Several Greek Councils never Printed.
The Commentaries of Saadias and other Rabbins on part of the H. Bible in Arabic, not yet Printed.
Math. Quæſtor againſt the Latins or Roman Church, Gr. never Printed.
The Ancient Mathematicians; as Euclid, Archimedes, Apollonius, Pappus, Serenus &c. Gr. & Lat. *Collated with MSS.* ſome of them never yet Printed.
Heraclius the Emperor's Aſtronomy Gr. & Lat. never Printed.
Vettius Valens Aſtrol. Gr. & Lat. never Printed.
Cyrills Gloſſ. Gr. never Printed.
The Ancient Greek Grammarians; as
" *Herodian his Epitome of the 20 Books of Theodoſius,* never Printed.
" *Chæroboſcus his Canons* never Printed.
" *Porphyries Gram.* never Printed.
" *Herodians Scholia on Homer,* never Printed.
" *Several Scholia on the Greek Poets* not yet Printed.
The Poliorcetics of Athenæus, Bito and others, never Printed.
The Miſna Heb. & Lat.
Dionyſ. Exig. as is ſuppoſed, his Catena on the Epiſtles of S. Paul in Syriac, never Printed.
Abdollatiph Ebn Yuſeph Bagdadenſis Arab. & Lat. *of things remarkable in Egypt.*
Abulfedas Geogr. Arab. & Lat. never Printed.
The Liturgie of the Coptites in the Egyptian Tongue.
The Pſalter in the Egyptian Tongue.
The Writers of the Britiſh Hiſtory many of which were never Printed, *or not in the Volume put forth at Frankford.*
A Grammar of the Malaian Tongue.
The Saxon Homilies.
The Saxon Chronicle, and other Writers of the Saxon Hiſtory, a great part of which never Printed.
The Saxon and Engliſh Laws, till Acts of Parliament, many of which never Printed.
The Writers of the Engliſh Hiſtory put forth by Sr. Henry Savil and others Collated with better Copies, and exceedingly much corrected.
Jo. Lelands Works ſeveral of which never yet Printed.
Lives of eminent Perſons both Foreigners and Engliſh, many of which never Printed.
Several Latin Claſſical Writers Collated with MSS. and illuſtrated with Annotations.